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Smallpox in Cairo, Ill.

CAIRO, ILL., *January 12, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report for the week ended January 12, 1901, 2 new cases of smallpox in this city. Cases under treatment at beginning of week, 8; discharged during week, 2; new cases, 2; remaining under treatment, 8. Total cases December 28, 1900, to January 12, 1901, 10; no deaths.

Respectfully, JOHN MILTON HOLT,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

CAIRO, ILL., *January 19, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report for the week ended January 19, 1901, 3 new cases of smallpox in this city. Number of cases under treatment at beginning of week, 8; new cases during week, 3; discharged during week, 5; remaining under treatment at end of week, 6.

Respectfully, JOHN MILTON HOLT,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Vaccination of crews of vessels at Chicago.

CHICAGO, ILL., *January 16, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that, in view of the prevalence of smallpox in this city and adjoining towns, I have made arrangements with the Goodrich and Barry lines of steamers to vaccinate the crews of their vessels now in commission at this port.

Respectfully, HENRY W. SAWTELLE,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

A case of smallpox at Fort Stanton, N. Mex.

FORT STANTON, N. MEX., *January 14, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that one of our attendants has a mild attack of smallpox. He is a new man and contracted the disease at a public gathering at Capitan a short time since.

In this connection I have to report that I was at Capitan yesterday and saw the mine surgeon and general manager. At my solicitation they have established a quasiquarantine, which is conducted in the following manner: The mine surgeon inspects all passengers before they leave Capitan. This is for the protection of the people along the line. The president of the road has given an order that all train crews must be vaccinated, and the general manager of the mine has given an order that all the miners and their families must be vaccinated.

I do not see how we can do any more in the matter.

Respectfully, J. O. COBB,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

A case of smallpox on the steamship Buckeye State at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., *January 11, 1901.*

SIR: Confirming my telegram of yesterday afternoon, I have the honor to state that a patient suffering from smallpox in the fourth day of the eruption applied for treatment at the out-patient office yesterday afternoon, and was turned over to the city health authorities.

The patient was a colored roustabout by the name of Powell, from the steamer *Buckeye State*, plying between Cincinnati, Ohio, and this

port. The patient came from McAllister, Tex., to Memphis, Tenn., where he remained two weeks, and on January 5, 1901, shipped on the *Buckeye State* for the purpose of getting to New Orleans. On this date he had his initial chill, followed later by the eruption. On arrival at New Orleans he was sent to the out-patient office for treatment, and from there was turned over to the city health authorities. I detailed Assistant Surgeon Schereschewsky to make an inspection of the vessel and vaccinate all persons on board, which he did to the number of 64.

The vessel was bronght to an anchorage opposite the hospital, and the living quarters of the crew, engine room, fire room, and gangways washed down with a solution of bichloride of mercury. She was then given a certificate of disinfection and allowed to proceed. The office at the custom-house was disinfected with formaldehyd.

Respectfully, C. P. WERTENBAKER,
Passed Assistant Surgeon,
U. S. M. H. S., Commanding Station.

Smallpox in Oklahoma Territory December 1, 1900, to January 1, 1901.

OKLAHOMA CITY, *January 11, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report to you the following condition of smallpox as it existed January 1 in this Territory:

The disease has assumed a universal mild form and but few deaths have occurred; the exact number have not been reported to me.

There were reported to this office 401 cases of smallpox from 15 different counties of the Territory in December, 1900. January 1 the following cases were reported as existing on that date: Canadian, 5; Cleveland, 19; Day, 1; Garfield, 1; Greer, 50; Kingfisher, 2; Lincoln, 13; Logan, 10; Noble, 12; Oklahoma, 43; Pawnee, 5; Payne, 12; Pottawatomie, 25; Roger Mills, 50; Washita, 40; Woodward, 1.

In nearly all the counties efficient work is being done by local boards of health and the disease is being controlled. In a few counties, county commissioners have refused to provide means for maintaining quarantine, and difficulty has been experienced in properly handling the disease. No funds have been provided by the Territorial legislature to be used by the Territorial board especially in handling this trouble. Hence, when as before stated, county commissioners have refused to provide means, the disease has assumed an epidemic form and difficulty has been experienced in finally securing control.

Respectfully, L. HAYNES BUXTON,
Superintendent of Public Health.

Smallpox and enteric fever in Galveston, Tex.

GALVESTON, TEX., *January 10, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that there are 25 cases of smallpox in the detention camp, 2 cases isolated in hospital, and a number of cases in imperfect quarantine throughout the city, the number of the latter being impossible to estimate as notification is not insisted on. Typhoid fever is on the wane and very few new cases are developing.

Respectfully, WILLIAM KEILLER,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.